Universities is likely to submit its report ; and

(b) what are the terms of reference of this Committee ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA) : (a) According to the information furnished by UGC, the tenure of the UGC High-Powered Committee headed by Justice K. Punnayya on financing of Centrally funded institutions is upto September, 1993, and the Committee is expected to submit its report by that time.

(b) The terms of reference of the UGC High-Powered Committee are as under :

1. To examine the present policy, norms and the pattern of providing development and maintenance grants to central Universities, Deemed Universities, Delhi Colleges and Technical institutions from the University Grants Commission/Ministry of Human Resource Development and to suggest policies and norms for determining grants in furure.

2. To examine the inter-university variations in development and maintenance grants (per student, per department, and any other relevant criterion) with a view to develop objective parameters governing such grants.

3. To examine the pattern of utilisation of the grants.

4. To examine the pattern of allocation of grants between teaching, research and non-teaching functions and to suggest norms relating to expenditure on the above functions.

5. To examine the feasibility of developing norms for individual items of expenditure under the development and maintenance grants and, to suggest such norms and specifically, to examine whether students/research students strength should be related to faculty strength and the strength of non-teaching employees or any other criteria in this regard

6. To consider the extent to which flexibility should be available to the institutions for increasing or decreasing expenditure on the individual items under the maintenance grants.

7. To explore and recommend ways of improving overall cost efficiency of the institutions.

8. To study the extent to which the institutions are raising their own resources, and to suggest specific measures for augmenting the proportion of resource raising by the institutions.

9. To recommend incentives to institutions that raise a higher proporation of internal resources and to develop norms for utilisation of internally generated resources.

10. To review existing scheme of financial assistance for needy students such as free studentship, scholarships, students loans and to recommend measures for initiating such a scheme with a view to assisting students from disadvantaged sections of the community, and promoting equity in higher education.

11. To consider any other item ancilliary to the above which the committee may consider relevant.

Condition of Polytechnics

749 SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMEGT be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to some education experts, technical educa-

tion in the country has remained stagnant and totally outmoded:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of polytechnics which are extremely ill-equipped, Porly staffed and run in make-shift sheds; and

(d) the remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT OF EDUCATION DEPTT OF CULTURE): (KM. SELJA): (a) to (d) Technical Education System in the country has made significant contributions in terms of overal quality improvement and standards. The National policy on education lays adequate emphasis on the Development of Technical Education in the country by of implementing Industry Institute Interaction Continuing Education Quality Improvement Programmes and Rearch and Development Schemes. The Government have launched a project, with the assistance of World Bank amounting to approximatey US £ 517 million to modernise and upgrade over 500 Polytechnics in 16 States and 2 Union Territories in terms of capacity expansion and improvement of quality and efficiency of system.

Implementation of Supreme Court orders regarding Taj Mahal

750. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether effective measures have since been taken to implement Supreme Court orders regarding Taj Mahal; and

(b) if so, the details of the measures taken and what results have been achieved so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) In order to implement the orders of the Supreme Court, the U. P. Pollution Control Board has issued Public Notices in the news papers and notices to 511 industries in Agra region directing them to confirm that necessary anti pollution measures have been under taken by them.

Research officers in central universities

751. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the promotional and career advancement rules for Research Officers Working in the Central Universities particuialrly JNU:

(b) if the answer to part (a above be in the negative, whether Government propose to frame such rules ; and

(c) what are the names of Research Officers who continue to stagnate for very long period with details?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Research Scholar's fellowship by ICSSR

752 SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the functioning of the Indian Councilof